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WILL YOU INVESTIGATE?

On the night preceding the election of November 8 there were posted and distributed in Commerce and other towns certain BILLS printed in red asking Socialists to "get even" with L. Buck for fighting the Kicker. The printing and circulation of these bills was charged to the Editor of the Kicker and both Democrats and Republicans used it to injure the cause of Socialism and it did that very thing.

Now, if the Kicker editor is responsible for the distribution of these circulars, I, as the head of the recent county Socialist ticket, want to know it. And I believe I voice the sentiments of the county organization of the Socialist party when I demand an investigation.

C. M. WEAVER
Commerce, Mo., Dec. 7, 1910.

WATCH THEM HIDE OUT.

Above will be found the proposition of C. M. Weaver, recent candidate on the Socialist ticket of Scott county for representative. He refers to the "hide-outs" posted on the night before the election at Commerce.

I have not seen any of these "hide-outs," but am sure that they were planted with the intention of making the Kicker look like a "dirty trick."

Let us see what they played it for. Let us see what they have been doing since they have been elected. Let us see what they have been doing since they have been elected.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS

This is the season when the evening papers are long and good letters can be prepared by country correspondents. The Kicker was first to give space to rural districts. Other papers only mentioned the doings of the "best people," but the Kicker considered the doings of those who feed and clothe the world of more importance than the "best people."

And now other papers are reaching out to give recognition to the work people thru rural correspondence. And when the workers get to voting intelligently they will be recognized in legislation.

Correspondents will please write NAMES plainly. We cannot guess at names. When they are not written plainly the item is omitted. That is why so many of your items do not appear.

It is no news to say that Mrs. Jones visits Mrs. Brown. Even given names. Neither is it even then news if both live in the same community. But if Mrs. James Jones of some other neighborhood is visiting Mrs. John Brown of your neighborhood, or if Mrs. John Brown of your neighborhood visits some other neighborhood, that is the news we want.

A MISSOURI COW

Columbia, Mo., December 2. Missouri, Chief Joseph, the Holstein cow at the Agricultural college of the University of Missouri, is the world's champion milk producer, and has broken the records made by Colantha Fournier, Johanna of Rosendale, Wis., which formerly held the high mark.

Josephine, at the end of six months test, has averaged forty-one quarts a day with a few exceptions. Her previous record, made by Colantha Fournier, was thirty-nine quarts a day for a week, but she has equaled Josephine's six months' test.

In addition, at the end of nine months Josephine is just coming on for the time and is gaining on the record daily. Most cows show a decline in production during the last four months of the test for a year. Josephine showed a slight decrease for a time, but has proved that she can "come back." Her year ends in January 11. The Missouri Holstein record is a day.

The cows' best record for a single day was fifty-five quarts of milk. During the summer her stall was covered with a keep floor and electric fans were put in to keep her from suffering from heat. In addition she was given a shower bath every day. A special diet of blue grass was set aside for her exclusive use. She fed silage and green fodder to give her plenty of milk-producing material.

A TAXLESS TOWN.

From the Omaha Daily News. There is a little town in Sweden by the name of Orsen. Remember the name. For Orsen is one of the greatest towns in the world. Of course, Orsen isn't as big as London or New York, but Orsen has done something that none of the so-called "great cities" of the world has ever done. Orsen has dodged all local taxes, successfully and honestly.

The Orsen railway is free to every citizen of the town. The telephone service is free. Schools and libraries cost the citizens absolutely nothing. All because a generation or two ago, the patriotic people of Orsen planted trees. Orsen has a municipal forest that has yielded the town \$50,000.00 in the past thirty years. And the \$50,000.00 has paid the running expenses of the town. Of course there isn't anything to hinder any American town from doing the same thing. But we don't notice any American town doing it. To date Milwaukee seems to be the only American town that has even thought about it. But it's worth thinking about, isn't it? Also it might be worth while to consider at the same time the fact that while Orsen was paying her municipal expenses for the past year from the proceeds of her work in the forest, the American nation, through neglect of her forests, was suffering a loss of \$200,000,000 and more than 100 lives.

JUST LIKE MEN.

Popular Bluff, Mo., Dec. 5.—Dr. J. L. Lindsay, captain; Chas. F. Green, Jr., first lieutenant; and Harold Hess, second lieutenant of Company D of the Sixth Regiment of the National Guard of Missouri were examined and commissioned at Cape Girardeau Sunday, and it is officially announced that supplies for the new Popular Bluff company will be shipped in at once, arriving here in about ten days. An armory has been provided, and in the very near future the officers expect to take up the military work here.

AGED WOMAN DEAD.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 5.—A woman, supposed to be the oldest person in the state, is dead near Collins, Cordington county. She is Mrs. Polly Nickels, aged 117, and has lived here more than hundred years.

REMINDS US OF OLD TIMES.

Kokomo, Ind., Dec. 6.—At the age of 108 Martha Gammons has been declared to be sane in the Howard county circuit court, after having been declared of unsound mind a year ago and put in possession of her property valued at \$8,000. Proof establishing her age was introduced in court. The woman's mother was a slave and her father a white man—her mother's owner. Not wishing to see his offspring sold on the block, the father sent the child into Indiana shortly after its birth in 1802.

THE SECURITY BUSINESS

Of all the infamous schemes devised by capitalism to punish the non-combatants, or innocent, is the "personal security" business. Many a good and industrious person has been set back thru it. It is the avenue thru which the shysters hope to dispose of the few well-meaning and humane persons who yet have a little property.

The other day a hardworking German farmer from near Oran was here. He is in the prime of life—and broken in health. Like many another man who earns his bread in the sweat of his face, he has worked to hard. A human as well as an animal can be overworked.

Asked how he was getting on, he complained only of his failing health and the security debts he had to pay for others. What seemed to grieve him most was because he had lost the friendship of those for whom he had paid debts.

It is always so. The general run of men would rather be honest than to let others pay their debts—if they could. But they live in hopes. They are taught to. They go in debt in the hope of a better day, and a neighbor who wants to help him signs his note. The better day does not come and the neighbor has to pay. Then the neighbor does not become a creditor, while the shark chuckles over the interest and principal he sticks in his pocket. That is capitalism—cannibalism—the survival of the fittest.

In this barbarous and selfish state of society, with every fellow for himself, and devil take the hindmost, why should I risk the little I have succeeded in scratching from the game in order to "secure" some professional interest monger? A bust, I can gain nothing. The interest monger is the only one who will profit. Why should he not take the risk?

And yet, when the average sucker goes to one of these shysters for a loan, or credit, and secures him for the payment, by either mortgage or personal security, or both, the said shark will not stop about election time and remind said sucker how he "accommodated" him, and that he ought to do him the personal favor to vote for So-and-so. And said sucker generally does it.

COUNTY COURT DOINGS.

The county court was in session this week and "appropriated" as follows: Standard Printing Co., stationery, \$14.61; Great Bank Note Co., stationery, \$25.30; Buxton & Skinner, stationery, \$11.05; Chas. Burrard, overseer, \$6.85; J. J. Poles, drayage, \$5.75; J. C. Lecher, room rent, \$5; L. P. Guber, fees, \$132.20; J. M. Arnold, fees, \$56.10; B. J. Marshall Mer. Co., nails, \$4.05; C. W. Baker & Son, drayage, \$17.14; L. H. Scott, concrete work, \$168.25; Brookville Bridge Co., for bridge over ditch west of Morley, \$8.95; J. E. Warner, services, \$180; salary, \$125; L. P. Guber, boarding prisoners, \$484.50; Scott County Democrat, stationery, \$37.75; Post Bros., Sower pipe, \$117.10; Sam Worly hauling, \$8; Elroy Ry., building crossing at Brooks Junction, \$28.24; John Klippel, \$37.75; Ed. Hahn, working road, \$6.75; Chas. Trinker, working road, \$9; Wm. Kanning, working road, \$78; Oran special road district for Hayden bridge, \$35; L. P. Guber, waiting on court, \$24; Rider Engine Co., repairs, \$10.20.

\$2,000 appropriated to be expended on Kings highway near K. so.

Andrew Forness, elected constable of Moreland township, didn't qualify and Wm. Ellis appointed. The following constables' bonds were approved: Adam Seufert, A. Bies, Jerry Frazer, J. D. Randolph, John Little, T. A. Whitaker, W. A. Mathews.

FROM ROOTWAD.

Patron's Day was observed at Tanner school Friday. W. E. Carr, the teacher, and the pupils, are to be congratulated on their beautifully decorated school room. Tanner and Rootwad schools each have organs, which will be beneficial to both communities.

Clarence Cutner was on the hospital list last week. A fine male died for B. F. Hahn. Jersey cattle last week, including a fine male.

Mrs. Ernest Love has been sick for the past few days. Rev. Darter and wife have moved to Lilbourn, where he has the charge of the church.

Frank Baker returned from St. Louis, Saturday, where he been under treatment.

DROUGHT IN TEXAS.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 4.—Several thousand head of cattle have been sacrificed in Western Texas for want of water and thousands of others are being shipped to market. Less than an inch of rain has fallen in three months, and in all western Texas drought is ruining vegetation and other crops. Some of the rivers that have not been dry in 40 years have been without water for many weeks.

FROM BUCKEYE.

Mrs. Wm. McKay visited her daughter at Price's Landing on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Severs is sick. The little son of Mr. Billig, who has been sick, is better.

Frank Hampton is sick with fever and Miss Rona Haeox is also sick.

Mr. Lee Barger is visiting in Illinois. Now, McCoy was in Silveston Saturday.

THE SOCIALIST IN NO HURRY.

What the capitalist politicians cannot understand is the satisfaction with which Socialists accept defeat, and then go right on with their campaign of education as before.

The Socialist understands that Socialism cannot come until a majority of the people are capable of self-government. And so long as they vote to be governed by the few, we know that they have not reached that point of intelligence necessary to carry out the Socialist program. For Socialism means government by and for all of the people.

Any people will have just such government as their intelligence entitles them to. If they are stupid and uneducated they will put up with such government as the people of Spain or Mexico have, or as Portugal recently had, or as the United States is fast approaching. So long as the masses feel that they must have "superiors" to govern them, they will always find the "superiors" anxious for the job.

The Socialist is not a seeker of office. You don't find him spending money to get the job. Neither does he scheme nor try to trick or deceive the voters. His only weapon is education—enlightenment. And that is the one thing the present plunderers of the people fear. Their rascals will not meet the Socialists in debate. Any fool ought to be able to guess why? But many of them refuse to see.

Not until the people are fit for self-government will they vote for Socialism. And not until then. The Socialist knows this, and that is why, at this stage, he is only concerned in the gains made.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Thursday of last week was hog killing time at Joe Westrich's and in the evening Albert Hatter, Mrs. Mary Robert and Dr. Schindler and wife came out. The doctor seems to be a very good hand—when the sausage are done.

Ed. Hahn of Schererville is now a real boner buster and says in the spring he will go out where they catch them wild, and when he can handle the lasso successfully he will come back and try to catch a "deer."

The news among the hill farmers is about like this: Codd wealth is set in with little wood on hand corn all gathered, what fields looking bare, and everybody getting ready to kill hogs and lay in a winter's supply of sausage.

Sunday it was very cold at church on account of the heater being out of repair but we are expecting Leo Diebold, of Edna, here this week to repair it.

Frank Kuhn, Jr. of Texarkana, who is now working on the C. B. D. at Edna came over Tuesday to visit his aunt Mrs. Rosa Schoen of this place.

Misses Sybilla, Viola and Dora Diebold and their little brother Jacob spent Friday and Saturday with their grandma and aunt at Schererville.

Barney Schuemer, the proprietor of the Excelsior Ginseng Farm had teams hauling lumber all last week for more improvements on his already good farm.

Miss Josephine L. Grand, of Kelso, attended church here Sunday. Geo. Grofman has a very sore eye.

FROM MACEDONIA.

Harry and Joe Thompson and Ora Davis, who have been visiting F. M. Sanders, returned to their home in Marion, Ill. Sunday.

The pie supper Saturday night was well attended.

Mrs. N. Greer attended church at Commerce Sunday.

Lester Jacobs was in our community Sunday.

The infant of Rose McLain is sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Buck, of the bottoms, visited home folks Sunday.

Miss Freda Wills, of Illinois, visited at Joe Sanders' Sunday.

Ulysses Edwards and wife were at Commerce Sunday.

Mrs. Raspberry is no better.

Mrs. N. Green visited at the Cape last week.

FROM LEMMONS DISTRICT.

Mrs. John Dodge and children, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ashcraft, returned to their home in Charleston Sunday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Strayhorn on the 28th ult.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hutchason of near Blodgett are spending the week with Mrs. Joe Hutchason.

Pea threshing has been the order of the day in this vicinity.

Robert Hampton was at Diehlstadt Sunday.

Bill Watson's house is about completed.

W. D. Murrell and wife, of Pleasant Valley, were the guests of J. L. Strayhorn and family Sunday.

FROM SLAPOUT

Mr. Oliver, who lived on the West's place, had his house and all his household goods burned on last Tuesday morning. His little girl was dangerously sick with the measles at the time.

Miss Myrtle Greer is very sick with whooping cough.

Morris Walker killed five big hogs Friday.

Jim Oliver has lost many hogs from cholera.

Whooping cough is in the neighborhood and Henry Holt's children have been exposed.

FROM MINNER'S SWITCH.

Misses Lippie and Lucy Foley and Mrs. Ida Barnhill visited at Mrs. Taylor's Saturday.

Miss Hattie Cork has a new sewing machine.

The farmers are done gathering corn and most of them are done shelling.

CAN YOU SEE THE CAT?

Four years ago was the last time when the printing and publishing of the ballots was let in accordance with law to the best advantage of tax-payers. Then the Kicker was the lowest bidder and did the work for \$44.75 and made a fair profit. Two years ago it cost the tax-payers \$135.00, and this year \$258.67. How do the people who pay for it like this sort of business?

If anybody thinks I am referring to this just to be making a noise, I will try to change their mind. I will agree to duplicate the ballots printed this year—the amendments and all—for \$50.00. The publishing of it amounts only to the folding of it in the paper, and the news value of it is worth that. Here is the way it figures out:

White paper.....\$20.00
Type setting.....7.00
Press work.....6.00
Cutting and delivering.....2.00
Profit.....15.00

Total.....\$50.00

OUR CIVILIZATION.

In these days of poster and prosperity a Chicago man offered to commit suicide for \$200. A Chicago despatch printed in the Denver Times tells the story in this way: "Tired of trying to eke out an existence, but wishing to have a 'good time' before he ends his life, a man who said his name was Robert Tyler started down 8th street, policeman at the Harrison street police station last night by offering to commit suicide for \$200. 'I mean it,' said the man, who had come to ask for lodging. 'You may think I am crazy, but I am not. If any medical college in Chicago gives me \$200 I will agree that my body be given to it for dissection purposes. Two hundred dollars would enable me to live like a king for about two weeks, and at the end of that time I'd be ready to quit here.' The caller was about forty years old. He was thinly clad and his frame shook from the damp, chilly atmosphere of the street. 'What is there in life for me, anyway?' he said. 'I'm no good to myself or anybody else. I have no relatives and there is no one depending on me. My life has been a failure. I have no trade, and as for education, I can read a newspaper and that is about all. There are thousands of men just like me in Chicago. I don't envy anybody, but I would like to taste a little of the pleasure of life before I die. For that reason I'd be willing to sell myself for \$200. The first thing I'd do would be to eat a square meal.' Sergeant O'Connor directed the man to the municipal lodging house, where he was given food and shelter."

TRIALS OF PREACHING.

"Is everybody in this congregation asleep?" thundered the minister, as he paused in the midst of his sermon to note heads bobbing on all sides.

For a moment there was silence and the voice of a little woman was heard to exclaim: "No, parson, I ain't gone to sleep yet, but if someone will kill this fly I may be able to enjoy your sermon like the rest of the brothers and sisters."

SAVED HIS LIFE.

A story is told of an Englishman who had occasion for a doctor while staying in Pekin.

"Sing Lo, greatest doctor," said his servant; "he saved my life once."

"Really?" queried the Englishman.

"Yes; he terrible awful," was the reply. "He calls in another doctor. He give me medicine; me velly bad. He calls in another doctor. He come and give me more medicine, make me velly velly bader. He calls in Sing Lo. He no come. He save my life."

THE EARLY CHRISTIANS.

From the Harp, Dublin, Ireland. In Ireland, for reasons rather hard to fathom, the chief opposition to Socialism seems to come from ministers of religion. They oppose it as vehemently as Saint Paul at first opposed Christianity. Yet the order of things in the world might be described as a socialization of Socialism. It is very hard to realize how any Catholic, or any Christian, can really object to Socialism—provided that he understands what Socialism really is. The Apostles themselves, and the early Christians generally, were not alone Socialists but Communists. Consider the following from the New Testament ("The Acts of the Apostles," ch. iv., 32-35):

"And the multitude of believers had but one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that things which he possessed were his own, but all things were common unto them."

"And with great power did the Apostles give testimony of the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord; and great grace was in them all."

"For neither was there anyone needy among them. For as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them, and brought the price of the things they sold."

"And laid it down before the feet of the Apostles, and distribution was made to every one according as he had need."

MARRIAGES.

Benjamin Powell, Benton. Miss Myrtle May Bennett, Benton. Samuel R. Sutton, Edna. Miss Leona Mitchell, Edna. Monroe Evans, Morley. Miss Effie Mize, Morley. Homer L. Howell, Blodgett. Miss Anna F. Marshall, Blodgett.

PUBLIC SALE.

Saturday December 10. And in case of rain, then on Monday, December 12, at my place, two miles north of Oran, on Oran and Chaffee road, I will sell a Cuckoo mare colt coming 3 years old, a family mare, a 5-year-old black mare in foal, a 4-year-old horse, 25 two and three year old mules, a Jersey cow, 9 other head of cattle, a thoroughbred Poland bull, 8 brood sows all with pigs, 15 hounds, two buggies, a new survey, a wagon, new wheat fan, a 20-horse power Rumley engine and a new Ideal separator, and water tank, platform scales, and many other articles.

Terms—\$5 and under cash; over \$5 a credit of ten months will be given, purchaser giving 8% note with approved security. No interest if paid promptly at maturity. A discount of 8% for cash on all sums over \$5.

FRANK L. HEISSERER.

FROM THE APPEAL TO REASON.

SOCIALISM is misrepresented, just as every new idea is misrepresented. Things that are false are told about it, sometimes with knowledge that they are false, sometimes in the belief that they are true. A brief statement of what Socialism is may be in order.

SOCIALISM IS A FRIEND OF MARRIAGE.

Under the present conditions thousands of girls are betrayed into white slavery for the profit of it, and other thousands forced to prostitution by economic necessity. Many men and women are unable to marry, and many who do marry are unable to raise their children as they should be raised. When Socialism insures to each worker employment at all times and the full product of his toil, there will be no more forcing of women to prostitution, no more sham life, no more fear of getting married because of poverty. Then marriage can occur and every family can be safe.

THE SOCIALIST PLATFORM.

Adopted at Chicago, Ill., in 1908. As measures calculated to strengthen the working class in its fight for the realization of this ultimate aim, and to increase its power of resistance against capitalist oppression, we advocate and pledge our following program—

1. The immediate government relief for the unemployed workers by building schools, by reforesting cut-over and waste lands, by reclamation of arid tracts, and the building of canals, and by extending all other useful public works. All persons employed on such works shall be employed directly by the government under an eight-hour work-day and at the prevailing rate of union wages. The government shall also loan money to the states and municipalities with-out interest for the purpose of carrying on public works. It shall contribute to the funds of labor organizations for the purpose of assisting their unemployed members, and shall take such other measures within its power as will lessen the widespread misery of the workers caused by the misrule of the capitalist class.

2. The collective ownership of all roads, telegraphs, telephones, steamboat lines and all other means of social transportation and communication. There can be no absolute private title to land. All titles, whether called fee simple or otherwise, are and must be subordinate to the public title. The Socialist party strives to prevent land from being used for the purpose of exploitation and speculation. It demands the collective possession, control or management of land to whatever extent may be necessary to attain that end. It is not opposed to the occupation and possession of land by those using it in a useful and bona fide manner without exploitation.

3. The collective ownership of all industries which are organized on a national scale, and in which competition has virtually ceased to exist.

4. The extension of the public domain to include mining, quarries, oil wells, forests and water-power.

5. The scientific reforestation of timber lands, and the reclamation of swamp lands. The land so reforested or reclaimed to be permanently retained as a part of the public domain.

6. The absolute freedom of the press, speech and assembly.

INDUSTRIAL DEMANDS.

7. The improvement of the industrial condition of the workers by shortening the workday in keeping with the increased productivity of machinery.

By securing to every worker a rest period of not less than a day and a half each week.

By securing a more effective inspection of workshops and factories.

By forbidding the employment of children under 16 years of age.

By forbidding the interstate transportation of the products of child labor, of convict labor, and of all unsanitary factories.

By abolishing official charity and substituting in its place compulsory insurance against unemployment, illness, accident, invalidity, old age and death.

POLITICAL DEMANDS.

8. The extension of inheritance taxes, graduated in proportion to the amount of the bequests and to the nearness of kin.

A graduated income tax.

Unrestricted and equal suffrage for men and women, and we pledge ourselves to engage in an active campaign in that direction.

The initiative and referendum proportional representation, and the right of recall.

The abolition of the power usurped by the supreme court of the United States to pass upon the constitutionality of the legislation enacted by congress. National laws to be repealed or abrogated only by act of Congress or by a referendum of the whole people.

That the constitution be made amendable by majority vote.

The enactment of future measures of general education and the conservation of health. The bureau of education to be made a department. The creation of a department of